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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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TAGS: MORG PGOE EG

SUBJECT: GAMASY NAMED MINISTER OF WAR

REF: CAIRO 10512

1. LT GEN MOHAMED ABDEL GHANI GAMASY,
FORMERLY CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARE ARMED FORCES, HAS
BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF WAR TO REPLACE FIELD MARSHAL
ISMAIL, WHO DIED DEC 25. APPOINTMENT WAS EXPECTED,
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SINCE GAMASY WAS LOGICAL SUCCESSOR, AND WILL PROBABLY

NOT PRODUCE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EGYPT'S MILITARY POLICY (REFTEL). IN CONTRAST TO THE MARSHAL, WHO HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A BIT OF A QUIBBLER, GAMASY IS A GOOD ORGANIZER, DECISIVE AND A THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER. HOW WELL HE WILL FUNCTION AS A CABINET OFFICER REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

2. NO ONE HAS YET BEEN NAMED TO TAKE GAMASY'S PLACE. THERE ARE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FROM AMONG SENIOR OFFICERS, WITH J-3 M/G HASSAN EL GREDLY AS POSSIBLE FRONT-RUNNER.
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